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NEWS RELEASE

LOCAL AUTHOR TO DISCUSS NEW BOOK ON DAYTON'S FAMOUS BROTHERS, MEMBERS OF WRIGHT FAMILY TO SIGN *UNLOCKING THE GATEWAY TO FLIGHT*

DAYTON, Ohio — A retired University of Dayton Research Institute engineer has penned a book about two extraordinary brothers who put Dayton in the history books.

Dale Whitford, an aeronautical engineer who conducted research for 41 years in the University of Dayton Research Institute, will discuss *Unlocking the Gateway to Flight: The Keys to the Success of the Wright Brothers* at **1:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, Feb. 8**, at Books & Co., 350 Stroop Rd. Three members of the Wright family — Amanda Wright Lane, Steven Wright and Marion Wright — will be on hand to sign the book after Whitford's talk.

"It is the life story of the Wrights, but I emphasize their technical accomplishments, their research methods and keys to their success," said Whitford, who frequently speaks on the topic of flight. "The book explores why they succeeded when others who were more famous, had better formal educations and more money had failed. I also explain their technical accomplishments in layman's language and present some of their data that is not usually made available."

Unlocking the Gateway to Flight developed from a series of columns Whitford wrote for the *Oakwood Register*. The Winkler Co. published the book, which was designed by Patterson Graphics.

The paperback version includes 130 photos, diagrams and other artwork, and sells for \$22.50. The \$35 hardback version includes a bonus chapter with 52 color photos from the Dec. 17, 2003, celebration of the centennial of flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C. No other book on the Wright brothers includes material from this celebration, according to Whitford.

The book can be purchased from Books & Co., the United States Air Force Museum and the *Oakwood Register*. To order, call (937) 294-2662 or visit www.oakwoodregister.com.

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